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PAPERS AT "THE HERMITAGE"

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1 volume

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Andrew Jackson Papers at "The Hermitage," containing approximately two hundred items and one volume, cover the period from about 1780 to 1911. They are composed of accounts, correspondence, documents (appointments, commissions, a contract), autographs, land records, military papers, a patent, two newspapers, petitions, two speeches, and a few miscellaneous items.

There are 134 letters included in the correspondence, 30 of which were written by Jackson. Of the latter, only three are found in Bassett's Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. The letters of Jackson were written during the period from August 6, 1814, through February 28, 1845. Those not in Bassett's volumes that are of particular interest include one to Major William B. Lewis, August 6, 1814, in regard to Jackson's preparations for war; one to Colonel R. Butler, July 20, 1815, giving Jackson's reasons for denying a furlough to Captain W. O. Butler; one to William Pope Duval, July 25, 1825, in regard to Henry Clay's "abandonment of those republican principles which gave him the confidence of the people"; and one to General J. B. Planché on December 27, 1828, in regard to Rachel Jackson's untimely death. In this letter to General Planché, Jackson commented that "it was a loss so great, it could be compensated by no earthly gift. Could it be, it might be found in the reflection that she lived long enough to see the countless assaults of our enemies disarmed by the voice of our beloved country."

There are 104 letters in the incoming correspondence, the majority addressed to Jackson. Of these, twenty-six are letters of recommendation. The others treat of various subjects and are written by political figures and other well-known persons, such as Anthony Butler, Lewis Cass, Richard Cheatham, Susan Decatur, Emily Tennessee (Donelson) Donelson, William Pope Duval, Sylvester Hazard, Samuel Ingham, Rachel Jackson, Amos Kendall, William Berkeley Lewis, Roger Brooke Taney, and Levi Woodbury. The index to Bassett's volumes has not been checked for these letters.

Included is a letter to Jackson from John Ross which is not in Bassett's work. Headed Washington City, Brown's Hotel, and dated March 28, 1834, this seven-page letter deals with the imminent removal of the Indians west of the Mississippi. Ross writes that the Cherokees will never voluntarily consent to remain west of the Mississippi. He asks for time for his people to prepare for the necessary change in their political character, writing that "no nation of people emerging from the natural state of man can ever prosper by an untimely amalgamation with a civilized and refined community." In Jackson's notes on the back of the letter he directs that it be referred to the War Department, and comments that "we are bound to extinguish for the benefit of Georgia the Indian title and we cannot interfere with the sovereign power of a state."

The one volume in this collection is Jackson's bank book, 1810-1815, showing his account at The Nashville Bank. Other accounts include a receipted bill, October 20, 1825, for Dr. McCorkle's services to Jackson's slaves, and receipted bill for postage at Nashville, January 1 to May 21, 1826. There are miscellaneous receipts for items bought in Philadelphia for "The Hermitage" in 1836 and 1837, such as household linen, gold lace, furniture, Venetian blinds, silverware, embroidered muslin, etc.

Documents include Jackson's admission to practice law in North Carolina dated 1787; his commission as one of the judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in Tennessee, 1798; his commission as Major General in the Tennessee Militia, 1802; and a certificate dated 1806 (not in Bassett's work) in regard to the "affair of honour" between Jackson and Charles Dickinson, signed by Hanson Catlet, stating that it "was conducted agreeably to what was agreed upon, so far as any agreements were made." Included is the contract made by Jackson with his cook, John Prevoux, at the White House, December 22, 1832.

Military papers in this collection include payrolls of 1788 for various companies of militia including the companies of Captain William Lane, Lieutenant John Hunt, and Captain David Haley; and miscellaneous morning reports, ration requisitions, provision returns, etc., for the years 1813-1815, a few of these signed by Captain John Gordon, Captain of Spies. Included is General Jackson's order for medicine and hospital stores headed Camp at Ten Islands of Coosa and dated November 4, 1813.

There are two newspapers in the collection, one the Globe Extra, Washington, November 15, 1832, which shows the Jackson majority in electoral votes; the other, The Experiment and Office Holder's Journal, Boston, May 5, 1834, a satirical, anti-Jackson, political rag.

Included are two unsigned speeches. One is a political speech fulminating against John Quincy Adams. The other is an incomplete speech to be given when President Jackson sealed the stone which crowns the corner of a monument to Washington's mother, location not given.

A patent and two appointments signed by Jackson, some petitions to him, 1830-1834, a presidential memorandum, and a few miscellaneous items round out the collection.

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Box 1

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Adams, J., 1819, recommendation for James Leander Cathcart.
Adams, John Quincy, 1819, recommendation for James Leander Cathcart.
Baldwin, Henry, 1831, re: his Indian opinion.
Beaumont, Dr., 1833, referring to his book sent to Jackson.
Brooks, Edward, 1835(?), making application for Marshall of Territory of Michigan.
Butler, Anthony, 1832, re: his illness; Santa Anna; politics in Mexico.
Caffrey, Jane, 1815, re: New Orleans and the British.
Campbell, H. M., and others, 1830, recommending Edward Brooks.
Cass, Lewis (2), 1833-34; a recommendation; submitting treaty with the Ottawas.
Cathcart, James Leander, 1826, re: enclosed recommendation for himself.
Chauncey, Isaac, 1818, re: recommendation for Cathcart.
Cheatham, Richard, 1833, re: his constituents' questions in regard to supposed frauds of Shelby and Jackson.
Cogdell, John Stevens, 1831, re: sending Jackson a bust of the botanist, Stephen Elliott.
Conwell, Henry, bp., 1829, re: his congratulations to Jackson.
Crawford, James W., and others, 1832, re: General McConnell, and politics.

Folder 2

Decatur, Susan. (3), 1833, re: her debts, and gratitude to Jackson for his help.
DePauw, John (3), 1832, re: recommending Colonel Joseph M. Hayes.
Dix, John Adams, and others, 1832, re: thanking Jackson for courtesies to his party.
Donelson, Emily Tennessee (Donelson) (2), 183? and 1835, re: party for Andrew's bride and life at the White House; intruder in the White House and his apprehension.
Duval, William Pope, 1833, re: need for rechartering the Bank of the United States.

Elliott, (Commodore), 1833, re: invitation for a boat ride.
Elton, Romeo, 1843, re: sending Jackson a copy of Elton's book on Rhode Island.
Evans, Estwicke, 1830, re: Colonel Decatur and Mr. Greenleaf.
Finch, A., 1832, re: recommending Joseph M. Hays.
Foster, Robert Coleman, 1830, re: candidacy of William H. Berryhill for Marshall of West Tennessee District.

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Gevelot, N., 1833, re: bust of Jackson.
Gibson, George, n.d., re: apprehension of an intruder in the White House.
Gilpin, Edward Woodward, n.d., re: the judiciary.
Gilpin, H. D., 1834, re: introduction for two friends.
Gooch, James, n.d., re: application for office; complaint of Duff Green.
Hamilton, J., 1821, re: welcoming Jackson to Charleston.
Harrison & Sterett, 1829, re: shipping produce to President Jackson.
Hayne, Rebecca, 1827, re: presents for Mrs. Jackson.
Hazard, Sylvester, 1834, re: Clay, Van Buren, politics, etc.
Herod, William (2) 1832, re: recommendation for Joseph B. Hays.
Ingham, Samuel, 1829, re: laws in relation to power of transferring appropriations from one branch of service to another.

Folder 4 Jackson, Andrew. Correspondence, 1814-28

August 6, 1814, to Major William B. Lewis, re: preparations for war.
July 20, 1815, to Colonel R. Butler, re: request for furlough of Captain W. O. Butler.
June 16, 1821, to Mr. John Jones, re: thanks for gift of a shell comb made in the United States.
January 8, 1822, to Lieutenant E. G. W. Butler, re: advice to remain in United States Army.
June 1, 1822, to Governor William P. Duval, re: Edward M. Rutledge and others.
December 13, 1822, to A. J. Donelson, re: Andrew's law studies in Lexington, Kentucky.

May 5, 1823, to Catherine Walker, re: her
destitute condition.
January 29, 1824, to Mrs. Jackson, re: his
large amount of mail, etc.
July 25, 1825, to William P. Duval, re: Mr. Clay.
March 31, 1827, to Colonel Allen, re: his answer
to the slander from Buckner and Johnston and
Jesse Benton.
February 10, 1828, to John L. Wynn, re: property
of A. Hutchings.
April 9, 1828, to General Lafayette, re:
introduction for the Reverend J. T. Schumerhorn.
December 27, 1828, to General J. B. Planché, re:
death of Mrs. Jackson, etc.

Folder 5 Jackson, Andrew. Correspondence, 1830-45.

December 9, 1830, to James Monroe, re: thank-you
letter.
March 19, 1831, to Major A. J. Donelson, re: his
reception by the people in Cincinnati.
September 16, 1831, to John Overton, re: request
to send Jackson's Seminole War letters from
Colonel Gadsen and Colonel A. P. Haynes; asks
how Tennessee will act towards Eaton.
July 22, 1832, to Andrew Jackson, Jr., re: general
news.
July 25, 1833, to A. J. Donelson, re: things to
be done at the Hermitage.
August 10, 1833, to Andrew Jackson, Jr., re:
enclosing money for him.
March 25, 1834, to Sarah Jackson, re: his love
for her little Rachel, etc.
April 14, 1835, to Sarah Jackson, re: family affairs.
March 20, 1837, to A. J. Donelson, re: his date of
arrival at home by boat.
December 26, 1840, to Dr. Doyle, re: inviting him
to dine.
December 27, 1840, to Dr. Doyle, re: request for
his bill for John Hutchings.
January 12, 1841, to Dr. Doyle, re: requesting
him to see Colonel Harris who had been shot.
November 29, 1842, note to William Donelson, re:
Mr. Banes preaching on the next Sabbath.
December 29, 1842, to Amos Kendall, re: errors
in a publication.
February 28, 1845, to Major William B. Lewis, re:
Polk's cabinet, Buchanan, Colonel Laughlin, etc.
n.d., to Richard Cheatham, re: (much of this letter
is torn off)
n.d., to Catherine Walker, re: her poor financial
state, etc.

January 24, 1836, to
Col. Maunsel
White, re:
disappointing cotton
crop, election of
a pro-Jackson
U.S. Senator from
Louisiana

Folder 6

Jackson, Andrew (1809-1865), 1831, re: family news.
Jackson, Jesse, 1832, re: recommendation for
Colonel Hays.
Jackson, Rachel (2), 1821, n.d., re: death of
Catherine Walker's sister; stay at Pensacola
and comments on Spaniards, and homesickness
for Tennessee.
Jackson, Sarah, 1873 (?), re: thank-you note to
Jennie McIver.
Jefferson, Thomas, date illegible, re: Cathcart's
qualities in government service.
Johnson, _____, date?, re: inability to get a
pension.
Jordan, Thomas, n.d., re: application for
appointment.
Kendall, Amos, 1829, re: Jackson's plan of
national bank.
Ladd, Frederick P., 1829, re: statement that
Jackson said he would cut off ears of the
senators.
Lafayette, Edmond, 1890, re: sending souvenir of
Lafayette, and his own photograph.
Lamar, Henry Graybill, and others, 1831, re:
recommendation of Judge Webb.
Laussat, 1804 (?) - in French.
Lewis, William Berkeley, 1832, re: politics.
Livingston, E. A. W., n.d., incomplete letter.
Lowrie, Walter, 1833, re: Senate's resolution
not to appoint Robert I. Chester surveyor of
public lands.
Madison, James, date?, to Mr. Cathcart re: ?
McNairy, John, 1802, re: his brother Nathaniel.
Morison, D., 1831, re: description of improvements
at "The Hermitage" and cost of same.
Morris, A. W., 1832, re: recommendation for
Colonel Hays.

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Nicholls, W. T., n.d., re: recommendation for
A. Moon.
Noble, N. (2), 1832, re: recommendation for
Colonel Hays.
Parks, P. (2), 1832, re: recommendation for
Colonel Hays.
Pettis, S. N. (2), 1830, re: recommendation
for William Wright; and one for Richard W.
Cummins.

Folder 8

Ray, J. Brown (2), 1832, re: recommendation of
Colonel Hays.
Rives, William Cabell, date illegible, re:
congratulations to Andrew Jackson.
Roberts, Isaac, 1812, re: volunteers for the
army.
Rodgers, John (2), 1819, re: receipt of Cathcart's
journal and summary of his mission.
Ross, John, 1834, re: moving of the Cherokees
west of the Mississippi.

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Selden, William, 1844, re: enclosing Treasury
draft payable to Jackson.
Sigler, D., 1832, re: recommendation for
Colonel Hays.
Slaughter, J. B., 1832, re: recommendation for
Colonel Hays.
Smith, Alexander H., 1831, re: his need to
borrow money.
Southworth, N., 1829, re: the question of
Jackson's age.
Staples, Charles H., n.d., re: former companion-
in-arms wants a few lines from Jackson.
Steele, John, 1790, re: prospects in country
over the mountains.
Stuart, G. H., 1830, re: Peter H. Cruse of
Baltimore.

Folder 10

Taney, Roger Brooke, 1833, re: Union Bank of
Louisiana, and the Commercial Bank.
Thompson, Wiley, 1832, re: recommendation for
John H. Baker.
Tipton, John, 1833, re: recommendation for
Colonel Hays.
Van Buren, Martin, 1832, re: Mr. Behr, United
States Minister from Belgium.
Wallace, David, 1832, re: recommendation for
Colonel Hays.
Washington, G. (?) n.d., re: forwarding a
letter of T. G. Plummer.
Wayne, Isaac, 1829, re: recommendation of
Callender (?) Irvine.
Webb, _____, 1831, re: reappointment of Judge
Webb.

Whitcomb, James, 1832, re: recommendation for
Colonel Hays.
Wing, Austin Eli, 1833, re: land office in White
Pigeon Prairie.
Witherspoon, James H., 1825, re: burial place of
Jackson's mother, and politics.
Woodbury, Levi, 1836, re: large receipts from
lands and other governmental news.

Folder 11 Unsigned correspondence

1819, Venice, re: mistake in authorship of The
Vampire.
1821, Key West, re: reappointment of Judge _____?
in District of Key West (?).
1832, Washington, re: patronage of the government
in Boston-political letter.
1831, St. Petersburg, re: illness of United
States Envoy to Russia.
1834, Paris, re: gift of Mr. Meyer; the bank's
charter.
1835, Washington, re: a filly that "will not do".

Also in folder 11, three letters with illegible signatures:

1832, Port au Prince, re: Negroes in West Indies
1836, Philadelphia, re: shipment of chinaware,
mirror, etc.
1831, Louisville, re: B. T. Harrison, Collector,
Port of Louisville, and recommendation for
William Douglass.